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FOLLOWING REPEAT TAIPEI 3967 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 3 JUL 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 3967

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, US, TW

SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT THIEU'S ENTOURAGE

REF: A. STATE 153258

B. TAIPEI 2455

1. POL COUNS AND CONSULAR OFFICER VON BRIESEN CALLED ON THIEU JULY 3 AT TIEN MOU VILLA AND INFORMED HIM OF CONTENTS REF A. THIEU APPEARED GRATIFIED WITH THE PROPOSALS AND ACKNOWLEDGED HIS UNDERSTANDING VISA FOR HIS WIFE AND ADOPTED DAUGHTER WOULD BE VISITOR'S VISAS ONLY AND THE LIMITATIONS THEREOF. HE CONFIRMED THAT MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF (LISTED REF B) WOULD HAPPILY ENTER PIPELINE AT GUAM AND WOULD PAY THEIR OWN WAY FROM TAIPEI TO GUAM. (HE NOTED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT SECOND LISTED STAFF MEMBER, COL. CONFIDENTIAL

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NGUYEN VAN DUC, HAD ALREADY DEPARTED, ELECTING TO JOIN FAMILY IN FRANCE.)

2. THIEU SAID HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER HAD TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLANS

CALLING FOR DEPARTURE TAIPEI FOR LONDON AS SOON AS
BRITISH VISA RECEIVED. THEY WOULD REMAIN THERE DURING
14-YEAR OLD SON'S SUMMER HOLIDAY AND BEYOND UNTIL APPROXI-
MATELY NOVEMBER 1, WHEN THEY WOULD LEAVE FOR THE U.S.
IF DAUGHTER NOW IN PITTSBURGH ACCEPTED BY RADCLIFFE, MRS. THIEU
WOULD GO FIRST TO BOSTON.

3. THIEU INDICATED THAT MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF AND DEPENDENTS
ARE READY TO GO TO GUAM ANY TIME. WE ASKED HIM TO LET US
KNOW IN ADVANCE WHEN AND HOW THEY PLAN TO GO SO
THAT WE CAN INFORM AUTHORITIES ON GUAM. THIEU MADE A
SPECIAL PLEA ALSO FOR THE FAMILY OF THE FORMER MINISTER OF
EDUCATION (TINH) AND FOR MRS. THIEU'S SISTER'S FAMILY
(PHAM VAN MY). WE ARE SENDING SEPTELS ON THESE TWO
FAMILIES (MENTIONED REF B).

4. THIEU TOLD POL COUNS (AS HE HAD CHARGED ON JUNE 5) THAT
HE HAD NO PLANS TO GO THE U.S. ANY TIME SOON, BUT
WISHED TO ASK QUESTION WHETHER IN EVENT OF FAMILY EMER-
GENCY HE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE U.S. ON AN URGENT
BASIS. POL COUNS SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER SUCH A QUESTION
BUT WOULD COMMUNICATE HIS CONCERN ON THAT POINT TO DEPART-
MENT OF STATE. (FYI: BOTH U.S. OFFICERS HAD THE IMPRESSION
THAT THIEU WAS SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD AND DID NOT EXPECT
A RESPONSE TO HIS HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION).

5. EMBASSY WILL SEND EXACT DEPARTURE INFORMATION FOR
THESE TWO GROUPS (PARA ONE) AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
WE WILL ALSO ASK MRS. THIEU (THROUGH OUR CONTACT WITH
THIEU ENTOURAGE) TO INFORM EMBASSY LONDON PRIOR TO
NOVEMBER 1 OF HER PRECISE DEPARTURE PLANS. (DEPT PLEASE
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